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Senate President Justin Alford
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Speaker of the House Mark Eves
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Augusta, ME 04333

Dear President Alford and Speaker Eves:

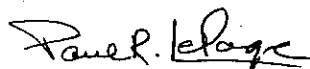
I am writing today to ask for your commitment on a date by which you will pass my plan to pay back the almost \$500 million we owe to Maine hospitals. The legislature continues to send bills to my desk, but the major issues facing our state continue to await action. Continued delay puts the hospitals at risk of missing the construction season. For the good of the Maine economy, the time to pay our bills is now.

As a gesture of good faith, I have let some of the bills become law without my signature. However, Maine people deserve to know where their representatives stand on the various laws that you continue to enact, especially when there is no action on the issues that really affect hardworking Maine families. Whether they are nurses or contractors, Mainers balance their checkbook and expect us to do the same.

That is why I am asking for recorded votes for all bills you send to my desk from now until the hospitals are paid. Each voter should know where their elected officials stand on each and every bill that comes down before the hospital payment. Quite simply, it is a matter of priorities.

I look forward to hearing when you will get me the bill to pay the hospitals. If we agree on the goal, let's get there. We were all sent to Augusta to fix the big problems facing our state and deal with them head-on. Let's put politics aside, roll up our sleeves, and really get to work - the time to pay is now.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor

cc: Senator Michael Thibodeau
Representative Kenneth Fredette



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